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SUBJECT: AFRICA - EC ASSOCIATION

1. DR H.B. KROHN, EC DIR GEN FOR DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION, VISITED ADDIS ABABA FROM JAN 10 - 12. EMBASSY RELIABLY INFORMED MAIN PURPOSE KROHN VISIT WAS TO DISCUSS FED DROUGHT AID TO ETHIOPIA IN 1974. SUCH AID EVALUATED AT ABOUT US $12.5 MILLION OF WHICH ABOUT US $8 MILLION TO BE FURNISHED IN KIND. KROHN STRESSED IN PUBLIC COMMENTARY FACT THAT THIS FIRST EC AID TO NON-ASSOCIATED COUNTRY.

2. SECONDARY PURPOSE VISIT WAS TO DISCUSS ETHIOPIAN ASSOCIATION WITH EC. THIS SUBJECT RAISED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM, PRI MIN, AND MIN COMM. KROHN ALSO PAID COURTESY CALLS ON OAU SEC GEN EKANGAKI AND ECA EX SEC GARDINER. EMBASSY RELIABLY INFORMED, HOWEVER, THAT KROHN COULD NOT AUTHORITATIVELY DISCUSS AFRICA-EC ASSOCIATION WITH EKANGAKI OR GARDINER SINCE EC COMMISSION UNDER INSTRUCTIONS DEAL WITH THIS MATTER ONLY BILATERALLY. IN
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THIS REGARD, EC HAS REPORTEDLY TAKEN POSITION THAT OAU REP IN

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BRUSSELS CAN ONLY BE ACCREDITED TO BELGIUM AS EC NOT PREPARED RECOGNIZE OAU AS AFRICAN SPOKESMAN.

3. PRELIMINARY REPORTS SUGGEST INCREASED ETHIOPIAN INTEREST IN ASSOCIATION FOR COFFEE AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS IN EFFORT OFFSET ADVERSE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF INCREASED OIL PRICES. IMPLICATION IS THAT AFRICAN UNITY ON ASSOCIATION ISSUE IS BEING WEAKENED BY SPLIT IN INTERESTS BETWEEN OIL PRODUCING (ALGERIA AND NIGERIA) AND NON-OIL PRODUCING AFRICAN STATES. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO INDICATION THAT IEG OPPOSITION TO REVERSE PREFERENCES HAS BEEN WEAKENED, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT NIGERIA IS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED LEADER OF ANTI-REVERSE PREFERENCE FORCES IN AFRICA. EMBASSY INTENDS SEEK IEG ATTITUDES SOONEST.
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